



Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in completing your High School Graduation Project with the North Carolina State Parks. This could be the first step in discovering a passion for conserving and protecting North Carolina's natural resources. A carefully planned Graduation Project is an opportunity to explore potential careers in environmental science and natural resources management.

The North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation boasts more than 50 parks, recreation areas and natural areas. The mission of the state parks system is to conserve and protect the natural beauty and ecological features of our state; to provide outdoor recreational opportunities in a safe and healthy environment; and to promote good stewardship through environmental education. Any Graduation Project done within the parks must meet this mission. Examples of past projects completed at the parks include: an education program that taught park visitors about the importance of prescribed fire, a project to improve park trails, and a scientific study monitoring small mammals in the park.

The staff members of North Carolina's state parks are passionate about the work they do. To share that passion they are willing to take on the responsibility of being a mentor to students who are serious and enthusiastic about completing a graduation project at the park. Becoming a mentor is a responsibility taken on in addition to a park ranger's normal job duties. It is essential that all students selected are serious about completing projects in a timely fashion. To help accommodate the number of project requests, any student wishing to start a graduation project at a park is required to fill out the following application and return it to the park. A staff member will contact you within two weeks of submitting the application to discuss your project and help you plan your next steps.



Sincerely,

The North Carolina State Parks Staff

High School Graduation Project Application

General Information

Name		Date	
Street Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone	()		
School Name			
Teacher			
Parent or Guardian	Phone ()		
State Park You Desire to Work With		Park Address	

Background Information

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. These questions allow us to select applicants whose interests and project ideas are a good fit with the mission of North Carolina State Parks.

1. What are some of your experiences as a state park visitor?

(Four lines for writing responses)

2. Why do you want to complete your Graduation Project at a state park?

(Five lines for writing responses)

3. What are some of your ideas for a Graduation Project?

(Five lines for writing responses)

4. What do you hope to learn from doing a project at a state park?

(Five lines for writing responses)

5. Please describe the role you see your mentor playing in your graduation project ?

6. What form of transportation do you have to get you to the park to meet with your mentor?
Do you have a secondary transportation option?

7. What timeframe do you have to complete your project?

8. Would your parent or guardian be willing to attend the initial meeting with your mentor?

I have completed these questions honestly and to the best of my ability.

Student's Signature		Date	
Parent or Guardian's Signature		Date	

Upon completing this application, please mail, or deliver it to the state park where you would like to complete your high school graduation project. Please see the following page for a map of the parks and the addresses.

State Park Contact Information

Carolina Beach State Park (New Hanover)

P O Box 475
Carolina Beach NC 2842
Office: 910-458-8206 or
458-8582

Chimney Rock State Park

PO Box 220
Chimney Rock, NC 28720
Office: 828-625-1823

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park (Wayne)

345-A Park Entrance Rd
Seven Springs NC 28578
Office: 919-778-6234

Crowders Mountain State Park (Gaston)

522 Park Office Lane
Kings Mountain NC 28086
Office: 704-853-5375

Dismal Swamp State Park (Camden)

2294 U S Hwy 17 North
South Mills NC 27976
Office: 252-771-6592

Elk Knob State Park (Watauga)

5450 Meat Camp Rd
Todd NC 28684
Office: 828-297-7261

Eno River State Park (Durham & Orange)

6101 Cole Mill Rd
Durham NC 27705
Office: 919-383-1686

Falls Lake SRA (Wake/Durham/Granville)

13304 Creedmoor Rd
Wake Forest NC 27587
Office: 919-676-1027

Fort Fisher SRA (New Hanover)

1000 Loggerhead Rd
Kure Beach NC 28449
Office: 910-458-5798 or
458-5799

Fort Macon State Park (Carteret)

P O Box 127
Atlantic Beach NC 28512
Office: 252-726-3775

Goose Creek State Park (Beaufort)

2190 Camp Leach Rd
Washington NC 27889
Office: 252-923-2191

Gorges State Park (Transylvania)

P O Box 100
Sapphire NC 28774
Office: 828-966-9099

Hammocks Beach State Park (Onslow)

1572 Hammocks Beach Rd
Swansboro NC 28584
Office: 910-326-4881

Hanging Rock State Park (Stokes)

P O Box 278
Danbury NC 27016
Office: 336-593-8480

Haw River State Park (Guilford)

339 Conference Center Dr
Browns Summit NC 27214
Office: 336-342-6163

Jockey's Ridge State Park (Dare)

Box 592
Nags Head NC 27959
Office: 252-441-7132

Jones Lake State Park (Bladen)

4117 NC 242 Hwy N
Elizabethtown NC 28337
Office: 910-588-4550

Jordan Lake State Rec Area (Chatham)

280 State Park Road
Apex NC 27523
Office: 919-362-0586

Kerr Lake State Rec Area (Vance&Warren)

6254 Satterwhite Point Road
Henderson NC 27537
Office: 252-438-7791 or 438-5886

Lake James State Park (McDowell)

P O Box 340
Nebo NC 28761
Office: 828-652-5047

Lake Norman State Park (Iredell)

159 Inland Sea Lane
Troutman NC 28166
Office: 704-528-6350

Lake Waccamaw State Park (Columbus)

1866 State Park Drive
Lake Waccamaw NC 28450
Office: 910-646-4748

Lumber River State Park (Robeson)

2819 Princess Ann Rd
Orrum NC 28369
Office: 910-628-4564

Mayo River State Park (Rockingham)

PO Box 100
Mayodan NC 27027
Office: 336-427-2530

Medoc Mountain State Park (Halifax)

1541 Medoc State Park Rd
Hollister NC 27844
Office: 252-586-6588

Mercants Millpond State Park (Gates)

71 US Hwy 158 E
Gatesville NC 27938
Office: 252-357-1191

Morrow Mountain State Park (Stanly)

49104 Morrow Mountain Rd
Albemarle NC 28001
Office: 704-982-4402

Mount Mitchell State Park (Yancy)

2388 State Hwy 128
Burnsville NC 28714
Off: 828-675-4611 Rest: 828-675-9907

New River-Mt Jefferson (Ashe/Allegheny)

P O Box 48 Jefferson NC 28640
New River Off: 336-982-2587
Mt Jeff Off: 336-246-9653

Pettigrew State Park (Washington)

2252 Lake Shore Road
Creswell NC 27928
Office: 252-797-4475

Pilot Mountain State Park (Surry&Yadkin)

1792 Pilot Knob Park Road
Pinnacle NC 27043
Office: 336-325-2355

Raven Rock State Park (Harnett)

3009 Raven Rock Rd
Lillington NC 27546
Office: 910-893-4888

Singletary Lake Group Camp (Bladen)

6707 NC 53 Hwy E
Kelly NC 28448
Office: 910-669-2928

South Mountains State Park (Burke)

3001 South Mountains State Park Ave
Connelly Springs NC 28612
Office: 828-433-4772

Stone Mountain State Park (Wilkes/Allegheny)

3042 Frank Parkway
Roaring Gap NC 28668
Office: 336-957-8185

Weymouth Woods SNP (Moore)

1024 Fort Bragg Rd
Southern Pines NC 28387
Office: 910-692-2167

William B. Umstead State Park (Wake)

8801 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh NC 27617
Office: 919-571-4170

North Carolina State Parks System 2008

■ State Park
◆ State Natural Area

▲ State Recreation Area
* Under Development

● Major City
① US Route
④ Interstate Route

